## USDA/OCE World Agricultural Outlook Board Stoneville Field Office

## Mississippi State University Delta Research and Extension Center Summary of Agricultural Weather Observations\* - 2006

| AIR TEMPERATURE                    | JAN  | FEB  | MAR   | APR  | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT  | NOV   | DEC  | ANNUAL |
|------------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|
| Average Maximum                    | 60.6 | 52.6 | 67.2  | 80.5 | 84.1  | 91.0  | 93.2  | 95.9  | 86.7  | 77.0 | 65.4  | 57.4 | 76.0   |
| Average Minimum                    | 39.6 | 33.7 | 45.1  | 58.8 | 63.5  | 69.2  | 72.1  | 73.0  | 60.6  | 52.0 | 41.5  | 37.5 | 53.9   |
| Departure of Mean From Normal**    | 8.5  | -3.3 | -1.4  | 6.0  | 1.2   | 0.3   | 0.2   | 3.5   | -1.3  | 0.2  | -0.1  | 2.6  | 1.4    |
| Highest Temperature                | 74.0 | 74.0 | 86.0  | 94.0 | 94.0  | 96.0  | 101.0 | 102.0 | 97.0  | 96.0 | 80.0  | 74.0 | 102.0  |
| Lowest Temperature                 | 28.0 | 21.0 | 34.0  | 43.0 | 52.0  | 61.0  | 63.0  | 63.0  | 46.0  | 37.0 | 29.0  | 16.0 | 16.0   |
| SOIL TEMPERATURE AVERAGES          |      |      |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |        |
| 2 inch maximum                     | 58.4 | 54.9 | 70.2  | 85.9 | 92.8  | 103.0 | 104.6 | 105.6 | 93.5  | 80.5 | 64.9  | 57.2 | 81.0   |
| 2 inch minimum                     | 41.8 | 38.1 | 47.9  | 63.6 | 69.7  | 78.3  | 82.3  | 83.3  | 71.4  | 60.0 | 46.8  | 42.6 | 60.5   |
| 4 inch maximum                     | 56.0 | 52.4 | 65.7  | 80.6 | 86.6  | 96.1  | 97.9  | 98.8  | 88.3  | 76.6 | 61.4  | 54.6 | 76.2   |
| 4 inch minimum                     | 45.7 | 42.6 | 52.2  | 67.1 | 72.6  | 81.2  | 84.7  | 86.2  | 75.5  | 64.7 | 51.2  | 46.4 | 64.2   |
| 8 inch maximum                     | 53.4 | 50.0 | 60.3  | 74.3 | 80.1  | 88.8  | 91.7  | 92.7  | 75.5  | 73.2 | 59.3  | 53.9 | 71.1   |
| 8 inch minimum                     | 49.6 | 46.2 | 56.2  | 69.5 | 75.1  | 83.4  | 86.5  | 88.7  | 83.6  | 69.4 | 54.9  | 49.7 | 67.7   |
| 20 inch observation                | 53.9 | 51.2 | 57.8  | 69.2 | 74.7  | 83.2  | 86.3  | 88.2  | 79.6  | 73.5 | 60.7  | 55.9 | 69.5   |
| TOTAL PRECIPITATION (inches)       | 7.61 | 5.80 | 5.44  | 7.38 | 2.86  | 1.81  | 1.78  | 1.56  | 2.72  | 8.64 | 2.61  | 7.32 | 55.53  |
| DEPARTURE FROM 30 YR AVERAGE**     | 2.19 | 1.34 | -0.19 | 1.94 | -2.39 | -2.21 | -2.08 | -0.49 | -0.47 | 5.32 | -2.59 | 1.87 | 2.24   |
| AVG SOLAR RADIATION (langleys/day) | 215  | 256  | 394   | 471  | 529   | 604   | 554   | 525   | 475   | 357  | 279   | 199  | 405    |
| TOTAL EVAPORATION (inches)         | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00  | 6.72 | 7.42  | 8.87  | 8.67  | 8.65  | 7.59  | 4.73 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 52.65  |
| TOTAL WIND RUN AT EVAP PAN (miles) | 2564 | 2188 | 2711  | 2370 | 1684  | 1048  | 1311  | 1087  | 1456  | 1641 | 1665  | 2066 | 21791  |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY                  |      |      |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |        |
| Average Maximum                    | 93   | 94   | 92    | 89   | 92    | 91    | 91    | 92    | 92    | 91   | 95    | 95   | 92     |
| Average Minimum                    | 50   | 50   | 41    | 41   | 42    | 37    | 41    | 39    | 36    | 37   | 51    | 57   | 44     |

LAST SPRING FREEZE/AIR TEMP <=32, FEB 27 - FIRST FALL FREEZE/AIR TEMP <=32, NOV 20 - 266 GROWING SEASON DAYS, NORMAL 260 DAYS\*\*\* NEW HIGH TEMP RECORDS WERE SET ON MAR 13 (86° F), APR 18 (90° F) & 19 (94° F), JUL 19 (101° F), OCT 2 (94° F), 4 (94° F) & 5 (96° F). NEW LOW TEMP RECORDS WERE SET ON FEB 20 (21° F), DEC 4 (22° F) & 8 (16° F). ADDITIONAL INFO: 3rd WETTEST OCTOBER.

<sup>\*</sup>BASED ON DATA FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE COOPERATIVE OBSERVING STATION LOCATED IN STONEVILLE, MS

<sup>\*\*</sup>Monthly normals were based on the period of record from 1971-2000 and were obtained from NOAA/NESDIS/NCDC

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Growing season normal was based on the period of record from 1971-2000 in Stoneville